

[June 2, 1911]

RESULT OF VOTE SENT OUT BY THE PRESIDENT MAY 12th. 1911.

1. Are you in favor of appropriating the same amount for salaries from the Susan B. Anthony Memorial Fund for the coming year as was voted last?

Miss Shaw. Yes.
Mrs. McCulloch. Yes. Only up to October convention.
Mrs. Bennett. Yes.
Mrs. Stewart. Yes. Pro rata until National Convention.
Miss Ashley. Yes.
Miss Blackwell. I do not think the present Board has a right to make any appropriation for salaries except up to the time of the National Convention. I vote to continue the present salaries until then.

2. Are you in favor of appropriating \$1,000 for travelling and incidental expenses of the National President?

Miss Shaw. --
Mrs. McCulloch. Yes but only the proportion to October.
Mrs. Bennett. Yes.
Mrs. Stewart. Five hundred for half year.
Miss Ashley. Yes.
Miss Blackwell. If that is the necessary amount, yes.

3. Are you in favor of appropriating \$1500 for literature and that the profits from the literature shall be re-invested in the publication of more literature?

Miss Shaw. Yes.
Mrs. McCulloch. Half the sum is enough and it is all right to re-invest the profits.
Mrs. Bennett. Yes.
Mrs. Stewart. Yes.
Miss Ashley. Yes.
Miss Blackwell. Yes to the second part. I should like to vote yes on the first but don't think we have a right to make any appropriations except for the time from now till Nat. Convention.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

Stockholm, Sweden.
June 12th. 1911.

Dear Member of the Official Board:-

You doubtless have all heard and read of the good work Miss Wagner did in Wisconsin last winter, of the splendid hearing she arranged before the Legislature and the good result. You have also heard of the jealousy this stirred in the soul of Mrs. Brown who had been absent from the State for months and had had no part in the immediate campaign. The result was she requested Miss Wagner to withdraw from the State and urged her Association, such as it was, not to co-operate with her and came out in the press in an attack on her. The whole conduct reminded me of Mrs. Duniway in its venom. Then Miss Wagner and some of the acting women who had worked with her, several of whom belonged to the old suffrage Association, formed a new State Society. Soon after this Miss Wagner came East. She feels that, as she was the prime mover in pushing the bill through the Legislature, she should return and help to carry the State. Just here arises the difficulty, Mrs. Brown does not want her and will undoubtedly attack her through the press and other ways, but some of the others do want her. Miss Wagner has appealed to the National Association to send her. We have tried to show her that the request must come from Wisconsin. Mrs. Blatch, I understand, will send Miss Wagner if we do not. That would be a most serious matter and, I fear, lead to worse complications of the National than anything else that could happen.

I am informed by Miss Ashley that, after the remainder of the Campaign Fund is returned to the National Treasury from the Susan B. Anthony Woman Suffrage Fund, of which Miss Gordon is Chairman, there will be some money still remaining in the account. Shall we, if the new Suffrage Society of Wisconsin asks us to assist them in securing Miss Wagner's services, pledge them any support?

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Official Board.

It is a most critical time in Wisconsin, and if we could win one middle Western State it would break the spell that binds us further East. Shall the jealousy of one woman who has been a President of a State for more than thirty years, and has only a hand full of members, be allowed to stop the progress of the work at such a time as this when so much depends upon the result.

I have asked Mrs. Dennett to send you any of the correspondence with the women of the State which will help you in your decision.

If I were not compelled to rush off to the meeting I would gladly tell you of the wonderful day at the church yesterday and of its effect in Sweden for suffrage. On every hand it was said - This is an epoch making day, It is a historical day for Sweden, and the Pastor of the State Church where the service was held told the women he was proud to have been the vicar who opened the first State church to a woman minister, some of both men and women wept for joy as they took my hand and kissed it and thanked me. I was glad for our cause sake and that our National Association is receiving so much praise and gratitude, it pays me for all the trip.

Faithfully yours,

Anna H. Shaw
by M. W. D.

President.

June 12, 1911

VOTE SENT BY THE THE PRESIDENT JUNE 12th. 1911.

1. Are you in favor of contributing from the Susan B. Anthony Suffrage Fund to the new Suffrage Association in Wisconsin to aid them in securing the services of Miss Mary S. Wagner in their campaign?

2. If so, how much?

*Mrs. Dunnett sends me copies which I have with you. [June 8, 1911]
Why have I not had any Kentucky answers to those
legal questions? Catherine Waring McCloud*

COPY.

Saratoga, California,
May 22nd. 1911.

Rev. Anna Shaw,
President, National Woman Suffrage Association.

Dear National President:-

Mrs. Watson has asked me to write to you about a matter that has come about since she wrote you last. At a Conference of representatives from the various suffrage organizations in San Francisco and those from the State Association a letter from Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch to Miss Maud Younger of the Wage Earners' League was read. Mrs. Blatch said that if the California suffragists would like her help in the campaign she thought she could raise the money necessary to enable her to give a month or six weeks to the work here. She is to raise the money in the east among her friends.

The matter was referred from the Conference back to the organizations and the State Board voted to join in the invitation to Mrs. Blatch to come if she could arrange to do so. There is a general feeling that of all the eastern workers Mrs. Blatch would be of the most help to us at this time, as the workers here can agree to co-operate with her, which would be impossible with some of the older workers, even your splendid self. The campaign is such a short one that we must all pull together and we feel certain that in this way we can win the victory.

If victory does come (and we are quite confident that it will) we know that it will be due not to our present efforts alone but to the splendid work in the past of our great eastern leaders, who are an inspiration to us every day. You know that Mother feels that you would be of invaluable help to us in this campaign but she must yield her personal wishes to the will of the majority and both men and women join in urging us to keep as our leaders and speakers the people of the State.

Mrs. Watson and I send our united love to you and promise you that everything that can be done to carry out your suggestions for organization and publicity work will be tried, according to our ability and the short time permitted.

Faithfully and lovingly yours,

(Sgd.) Lucretia Watson Taylor.

[June 8, 1911]

COPY.

THE POLITICAL EQUALITY LEAGUE OF WISCONSIN.

Richland Center, Wis May 24th. 1911.

My dear Miss Shaw:-

Your letter just received, I am hastening to tell you that you may sail feeling happy over the situation in Wisconsin. Last week I invited the Ex. Board to spend several days with me - we called it a "suffrage house party", the idea was to become well acquainted personally, as well as plan the work to be done in the state.

Our League is not yet two months old and we already number over two hundred active workers. The Board itself is made up of the finest women in the State - with possibly one exception we have a most friendly feeling toward Mrs. Brown. While we answered the protest we do not want anyone to know of the protest except the board if we can help, it, of course they may mention it, but I never want Miss Wagner to know of it. Our reply was as diplomatic as we could make it and friendly - however we said we must use our own judgment at all times as to whom we employed etc. Mrs. Lyman of Madison (possibly you know her, she is the mother of Dr. Lyman of our State University) will go to Milwaukee and take charge of our headquarters which will be opened about the first of next month, Mrs. Morris of Mill. gives us these headquarters.

Miss Alice B. Curtis of the Mil. Normal is a great worker - she has organized the students and has a league of 125. Many young women are asking for work to do - we intend to enroll as many as possible and have our organizers take subscriptions for the Woman's Journal which we desire to make our official organ. The newspapers are writing for material and for the most part are very friendly. We have written to secure the 40 free editions for the editors of our papers.

I am writing to Zona Gale, a Wis. young writer with whom I am acquainted, and am hoping she will assume charge of the press work. We have many able writers among our workers, I have a list of twenty-eight. We have a lecture and entertainment bureau and several prominent men and women have offered to speak for us. Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones of Chicago whose home used to be in Wis. and who spends much time here, said he would come into the State three times, if we would make him out a route. Col. Watrons a very prominent G.A.R. man said he would take the stump for us and speak at G.A.R. camp fires etc.

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Quietly but effectively we are getting the work in splendid shape. A Polish friend at the head of educational work among her people and a newspaper woman is lined up.

I honestly think the two State societies are going to be better than one, we are all on our mettle, and at the present time I do not think Mrs. Brown intends to oppose me for personal and diplomatic reasons. My plan is to conduct a positive campaign, to mention the brewers and antis as little as possible. I have had several heart to heart talks with our political men and they think we stand a splendid chance of winning in 1912, by working much as we did in our legislative work. I have great faith in Wis. we are progressive - our ignorant men seldom vote on the amendments, those who know tell me - and the bill reads - "a majority of all votes cast on that subject".

We shall want help at once with our Press work and I will write to Miss Reilly as you suggest.

Wisconsin has good suffragists, intelligent and capable workers, wonderful women, but women who could not work in the Ass. so remained unorganized, however they are coming to the front now. My work is getting so heavy I went in search of a stenographer to-day.

I believe it is wise to work our own women in as much as possible.

Miss Pardue, our State factory inspector came from Idaho.

We have a young woman who is a recognized authority in the State on the recall etc. and she is going to work for us. I have written to Fola La Follette. I am sure all these splendid workers spell success in 1912.

May this be a steamer letter and convey tidings of good cheer is the wish of

(Sgd.) Ada L. James.

Miss Wagner sent Greetings to the "House Party" - she is a splendid worker.

Copy.

Near Richmond, Ky.

July 29th, 1911.

Dear Miss Shaw,

I answer the voting slips of July 26th first.

1. I very reluctantly vote No to giving space in the Woman's Journal for raising a campaign fund for Maryland. I know that even seeing in a newspaper constant appeals for money worries readers; and as there is no more reason for helping Maryland to raise a fund than there is for helping a dozen other states where our question is not before the voters, I think we should draw the line at those states only where the question is before the voters. Counting Ohio, where there is a Constitutional Convention now called, practically we have six states which ought to have all the help we have to give.

(2) I am in favor of asking an appeal for California.

(3) I am in favor of contributing to California from the S.B. Anthony Memorial Fund.

(4) All that can be spared after providing for Miss Gregg's salary for the whole campaign in Kansas, as per vote sent to Mrs. McCulloch and herein enclosed. I think our obligations to Miss Gregg ought to induce us to divide our help with Kansas; otherwise, I think we ought to do most for California, because its campaign closes sooner.

VOTING SLIP OF JULY 27th.

(1) I am willing that the one thousand dollars borrowed from the Oklahoma campaign from Mrs. Upton, Mrs. McCulloch and Miss Shaw as Trustees for Mary S. Anthony shall be repaid out of the S.B. Anthony Woman Suffrage Fund, provided the Board votes it to go to California on the same terms as voted to Oklahoma. If it is not thus used, I want the payment to wait as long as that of the Laura Bruce loan, which was on the same terms.

(2) I gladly vote to accept this loan again for California, and thank the Trustees for it.

If the Board finds the above votes acceptable, I should be very glad to receive back the Bruce loan and reloan it to California on the same terms.

Very sincerely yours,

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

July 27th. 1911.

Dear Member of the Official Board:-

I am sending you a copy of a letter just received by Miss Ashley and me from Miss Gordon, also copies of our replies. I felt it was wise to do this for fear there might be some other members of the Board who are feeling as Miss Gordon does in regard to Mrs. Belmont's pledge and the sooner that sort of feeling is laid aside the easier it will be for us to do our work and there are surely enough problems to meet which are necessary without our going out of our way to find them.

I have also another vote to send you. You know at the last Convention Mrs. Upton, Mrs. McCulloch and I loaned the Association \$1000 to be used in the campaign in Oklahoma. If the campaign won the debt was to be cancelled, if not it was to be returned.

Now comes a demand from California for assistance and, if there is enough money in the Susan B. Anthony Fund, I feel we should utilize it as far as we can to aid present campaigns and I also feel that since that thousand dollars was partly borrowed for campaign purposes it should come out of the Susan B. Anthony Fund. If the Association will pay this \$1,000 back to the three trustees. I have submitted a vote to them asking them to contribute it to California on the same conditions as they did when it was contributed to Oklahoma, hoping that California will win and that the debt will be cancelled. I ask you to vote on this.

Faithfully yours,

Anna H. Shaw

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Dear Miss Gordon

I am at a loss to understand your extraordinary letter of July 23rd.

Of course, I knew of all the conditions in Mrs. Belmont's offer of \$1,000 toward our rent. Why do you suppose I didn't? As a matter of fact, Miss Shaw has intended from the first to get Mrs. Belmont to withdraw that condition about the presidency, but since this wish had not been carried out up to the time of sending out my letter, I was obliged to include the condition.

Our financial loss, if Miss Shaw were not elected, would be \$300, which did not seem to me fatal. Moreover, I certainly thought everyone on the Board understood this matter. If I was mistaken, I am sorry, because no doubt I should then have sent out a copy of Mrs. Belmont's offer at the time I asked your votes on the six months' proposition.

Please remember, in this whole matter, Miss Shaw was in Europe and had nothing to do with sending out the six months' plan. She knew nothing of our arrangements and no blame can possibly attach to her for anything I have done. Naturally, Mrs. Belmont's condition was very obnoxious to Miss Shaw, and she never intended it to remain. As you will have heard, Mrs. Belmont has readily withdrawn the condition.

Hoping that I have told you what you want to know, and regretting having caused you any anxiety,

Cordially yours

Jessie Ashley

JA/MB

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

July 27th, 1911.

Miss Kate M. Gordon,
1800 Prytania Street,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Miss Gordon:-

Your letter of July 23rd, is at hand and I hasten to
reply to the portion of it which I understand.

You ask - "Will Miss Shaw tell me that when she offered
to the officers as an inducement for continuing the Headquarters in
New York, the \$1,000 promised by Mrs. Belmont on the sole condition that
Headquarters be located in New York she had repudiated to Mrs. Belmont
as impossible the other condition upon which the donation hinges".

When Mrs. Belmont decided not to continue the lease of
the present Headquarters long before her contract with the National
Association expired, she generously agreed to contribute \$1,000 to
support National Headquarters provided they remained in New York and
that I were elected President.

In making pledges to our Association, it is frequently
the custom to assign conditions. With most people we are grateful to
accept their contributions on their own terms. Mrs. Belmont felt she
had the same right to make conditions that other people have, and with
her, as with others, she gives where she has confidence in those who
manage the Association. Mrs. Belmont has confidence in me and upon that
confidence she has given every dollar she has contributed to the Association.

If she had not had confidence in me she would not have done so; it was
because of it that she made her offer to the Association in the first
place; it was because of it that she contributed to me \$173.00 each month
since December 1st, 1910, to be used for Press work, over and above her
agreement made with the Association at Washington, which amount is at
present in the hands of the Treasurer and furnishes the National
Association with a fund to continue the press work after Mrs. Belmont's
pledge expires, August 1st. It was because of it that she contributed
to the salary of my secretary last year, and to the campaigns in Oklahoma,

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Miss Kate M. Gordon,

South Dakota and Arizona. It was because of it that she has frequently contributed other sums of money in various ways to help our National work. It is because of it and her belief that New York city is the best location for National Headquarters, that she pledged this \$1,000 for the coming year.

I have no wish to deny that it is because Mrs. Belmont believes in me as President of the Association that she does more for our society than any other woman in the country. Yet, when I read her letter I was sure that she did not realize the unpleasant position in which that clause would place me, and I determined ~~that~~ as soon as I had an opportunity, to point it out to her, feeling sure that she would gladly withdraw it which she did as soon as I had an opportunity to explain it to her.

In my letter to the Board making the announcement of Mrs. Belmont's and Mrs. Mackay's contribution towards Headquarters, I had no intention of using them as inducements to persuade the Board to continue the Headquarters in New York city, as I did not recognize that the Board had any right to over-ride the action of the National Convention and remove the Headquarters from New York without the vote of the Convention itself. I simply stated the fact that Mrs. Belmont had made this pledge provided the Headquarters remain in New York another year knowing that the other condition was but an expression of preference in my behalf, which was readily cancelled when I asked her to do so, though I frankly confess I do not believe Mrs. Belmont would have made the offer if she thought I would decline to stand for the Presidency.

Mrs. Belmont's generosity to our Association has proven beyond question her willingness to aid us, though she sometimes errs more through lack of knowledge of public work than through any desire not to be of service.

I am glad to be at home again, though I did more for our cause while I was away than I possibly could have done at home. I find that during the whole summer thus far there has been little let up to the work at Headquarters, numerous letters of consultation from the States where campaigns are in progress, demands for literature even during the summer month keeping up equal to those of the winter, proving to us more than anything else that we need more and more and better literature all the time, and the constant enquiries from the active workers in regard to methods and ways and means which is most inspiring.

I shall be glad when the cooler weather comes and particularly glad when the National Convention is over.

Faithfully yours,

Anna H. Shaw

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

July 26th. 1911.

Dear Member of the Official Board:-

As you are doubtless aware, I cut off my vacation and hurried home on the first steamer I could get after the Convention was over in Stockholm, and I have not seen any place which seemed more attractive to me than my own home does, nor this office and the work of the Association.

I am sending you in this copies of two letters, one received from Mrs. Julia S. Sanborne of California, and the other from Mrs. Hecker of Maryland, and I am enclosing in this letter a vote in regard to these two letters.

Kindly return your votes immediately as they are anxiously awaiting answers.

Faithfully yours,

President.

VOTE SENT OUT BY THE PRESIDENT JULY 26th. 1911.

1. Are you in favor of granting free space in The Woman's Journal .
for the raising of a campaign fund for Maryland as asked by Mrs.
Hooker?

2. Are you in favor of making an appeal for the campaign in California?

3. Are you in favor of contributing any portion of the Susan B. Anthony
Memorial Fund to the campaign in California?

4. If so, how much?

VOTE SENT OUT BY THE PRESIDENT July 28TH. 1911.

1. Are you willing that the One thousand Dollars borrowed for the Oklahoma campaign from Mrs. Upton, Mrs. McCulloch and Miss Shaw as Trustees for Mary S. Anthony shall be repaid out of the Susan B. Anthony Fund?

 2. Will the National Officers accept the loan of this One thousand Dollars for use in California on the same terms upon which it was loaned to Oklahoma?

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

August 30th, 1911.

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:-

The House of Governors is to meet in New Jersey early next month, and you were so successful in securing a Hearing before them last year, Mrs. Dennett is very anxious to know just what process you went through to be permitted to speak. I presume it will be a little more difficult to get permission here in the East than it was with you, as the men in your part of the world are a little more courteous to women than Eastern men are, perhaps you have not made as many demands on them as the Eastern women have and so they have not got hardened and able to refuse you anything.

Will you let us know immediately as we want to start in arranging for the Hearing here. Mrs. Blatch has secured all the Governors of the five enfranchised States to speak at the meeting in Cooper Union for the benefit of the California campaign fund. That is a splendid thing and I am glad that she was able to do it.

I have your letter in which you speak of the mixed phrases in the vote which I submitted and which led to the misunderstanding on your part in regard to the fund to which I referred. I accept your criticism as all right because I did make that mistake. I did not have the Thomas-Garrett fund in my mind at all because I knew that that was used for special purposes which were usually specifically designated, and therefore I had only in mind the one fund which was at our disposal. I am sorry I made the mistake, I will try to keep the distinction in my mind, although, alas, we will not have to make the distinction very long as the memorial fund soon expires.

Most of the members of the Board feel that I have allowed too much time for the business committee meeting, and they object to it, therefore I think it would be well for us to put off our committee meeting until the 17th. October, and I shall so inform the Board. I think perhaps if each one of us brings the things which she desires discussed prepared

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Miss Clay,

and sorted out, we shall be able to get through in a much shorter time than I feared we might.

With kind regards,

Faithfully yours,

Anna H. Shaw per J.C.

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August 30th, 1911.

Dear Member of the Official Board:-

I have heard from all of the Members of the Official Board with the exception of Miss Clay and Miss Gordon, in regard to the vote sent out August 24th., and I presume their vote will be in in a day or two, but as I am going to leave tonight to go to Cumberland, Md. to speak before the State Teachers Association to-morrow and cannot be back until Thursday, and I am anxious that this letter should go out, I will send it before waiting for the replies from the two members, as all who have replied are practically unanimous.

And now I will explain my reason for sending out this vote at the time I did. I feel that September and October are splendid months in Kansas, because we can get at Farmers' Meetings, Fairs and all that sort of thing, and that a campaign worker could do excellent service then in laying the foundation for getting invitations to different communities organized later on, and that, if we had the money, it would be well for Miss Gregg to go, since the State Association had asked for her. I asked the vote on the ground that she should go if we had the money to send her. At that time I was in correspondence with a lady who had offered me quite a large sum of money to be used in suffrage work, and she wanted it left entirely in my own hands as to how it should be used. I was particularly anxious that it should go through the National treasury and, as far as possible, be used in accordance with the judgment of the Official Board, and so I wanted to know just how you felt as soon as possible and did not wait until I received the money. But now that the money has come and I have it in my possession to be used according to the suggestion of the lady who presented it and my judgment of the needs of the work. I am greatly impressed with the need of Kansas, that the women who have the work in charge there are not at all experienced, they have got to have some help and the sooner they get it the better, for I have a great fear that we shall have a hard task to carry Kansas if we carry it at all.

In correspondence with the Congressmen from that State they have shown a very reluctant spirit and claim that the women of Kansas do not want the ballot. Now we have got to meet that as early as possible and so long as the State President wants Miss Gregg and is inexperienced in

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managing campaigns, I think the sooner she goes the better.

I am perfectly willing, out of this fund in my hands, to place in the National Treasury each month, the amount of Miss Gregg's salary, which I can do for the whole year provided it is wise to keep her in Kansas the whole year or the Kansas people wish for her.

As all the votes have been yes without any qualifications in regard to Miss Gregg, except that of Miss Blackwell who says "If the National Convention or the new Board approves". Of course neither the National Board, nor any individual member of it, would desire to have Miss Gregg remain in Kansas unless it was the wish of the Kansas Association. I shall, therefore, write the President of the State that the Official Board will pay the salary of Miss Gregg so long as it is mutually agreeable to have her remain in the State.

There is a difference in opinion in regard to Miss Grimm, Miss Shaw voting to pay her salary for the month of October and then wait further developments. Mrs. McCulloch thinks that Illinois will want Miss Grimm some of the time and that she might work alternate months in Illinois and in Wisconsin. That does not seem to me like a very economical or wise way to plan the work, but perhaps, if she remains during the month of October, we may be able to decide later on after the Convention.

I hope when we come to the Official Board meeting we will have some convenient plan thought out as to just what the attitude of the National Association is to the campaign States, and just how far we feel we ought, in justice to the whole work, assist them.

The money which has been placed at my disposal will enable us to do more work than we could otherwise have done, and I feel deeply grateful that it has come to us at this time. I am not permitted to give the name of the donor, she specially requested that it should not be known to anyone but herself and me, nor does she wish the amount which she has given me to be known. But I can assure the Board that whenever there is anything to be done for the campaigns, which they think ought to be done, I shall be very glad to co-operate with them and, through the National Treasury, furnish sufficient money, if it appeals to me as a wise thing.

Faithfully yours,

Anna L. Shaw
President. Joe J. C.

Copy

Near Richmond, Ky.

Aug. 26th, 1911.

Dear Miss Shaw,

Your letters of Aug. 24th are at hand.

MRS. PANKHURST. I would be delighted to have Mrs. Pankhurst, and I am willing that the Program Committee should make almost any arrangement to help pay expenses. But I have always thought it a wrong policy to make delegates either lose part of the attractions and inspiration of the convention ^{or pay} ~~unless they paid~~ entrance fees. Therefore, I must give my vote that if tickets are ^{sold each} ~~each~~ delegate must be given a free ticket. On all the other details of the arrangements of the evening I would rather have our Louisville Committee give a vote ~~rather~~ than myself. I have perfect confidence in their business judgment about such matters, and they have the advantage of being on the ground.

MISS GREGG. I am very much in favor of paying the salary of Miss Gregg for the whole Kansas campaign after the convention. Of course, this Board cannot actually promise to do this, as our administration will be over. But as has been our custom in ^{for the future} ~~future~~ promises we make it understood that we pledge our influence and our vote where we have one. I approve of your suggestion that we promise only the salary, and the state must provide the expenses. I will repeat again, that we should tell the Kansas people that we will not take any responsibility about the campaign; that we donate Miss Gregg's salary at their request, but that we will exercise no control over her work, but leave that to the Kansas authorities. I am sure we can trust Miss Gregg's loyalty to the National.

OREGON. I find Mrs. Irons' letter most interesting. But I am in favor of deferring any positive promise until ~~after~~ the convention. By that time we will know the issue of the California campaign. If it is successful, I consider Oregon the most hopeful of the states to vote in 1912; and we

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should seize any feasible plan to help in a state which will be most difficult as long as Mrs.D. is in control. I never like the idea of secrecy in spending Association money; but I have no doubt we could arrange that suitably. If California does not carry, at present I am of the opinion that we had better spend all our strength on more central states, as a campaign in them is worth more to the general cause than in a far Western state. If the vote should carry, however, to promise help to Oregon now, I think we should attach the same conditions as we attach to Kansas.

I send my votes on your slip, though I am copying them on this sheet.

Sincerely yours,

Laura Clay

VOTES SENT OUT BY THE PRESIDENT AUG.24th, 1911.

1. Provided the money can be secured, are you in favor of paying Miss Gregg's salary in Kansas from the close of the National Convention until the vote is taken on the amendment the following year?

Ans. Yes. I wish that the Board, however, should make the Kansas suffragists understand that it assumes no responsibility for the management of the campaign.

2. If money can be secured to provide Miss Grimm for Wisconsin for six months or longer, and the Wisconsin people desire her services, are you willing that she should be offered to the state for that time?

Ans. Yes; provided that the Wisconsin people consulted about it shall include the officers of our auxiliary in Wisconsin; and that if they object, their objection must be decisive.

Laura Clay.

Aug.26th, 1911.

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August 24th. 1911.

Dear Member of the Official Board:-

I am enclosing copy of a letter just received from Mrs. Irons of Oregon and would be very glad to know what you think of the proposition which she has made.

Miss Gordon, Miss Clay and I, as members of the Board, have met Miss Pease and know something of her work, and perhaps they would be willing to express themselves in regard to the advisability of the National Association attempting to employ Miss Pease under existing circumstances.

The replies in regard to the employment of Miss Gregg are really so different that there is actually no majority vote on the time that she should be offered to Kansas. I think, if we could do so, it would be well to give her to Kansas immediately after the National Convention, and now since there is a uniform opinion on the part of all of us that, if we have the money, she should go to Kansas I will ask you to vote directly that, provided the money can be secured, are you in favor of paying Miss Gregg's salary in Kansas from the close of the National Convention until the vote is taken on the amendment the following year. This will give her to Kansas for about 13 months. I am in favor of paying her salary but not of paying her expenses in addition to her salary. I think the State will appreciate the services of a worker much more if they are in a measure responsible for her, and I would rather give the additional money to Kansas for something else than to give it for the expenses of Miss Gregg or any other worker. I think that it would be better to let the State feel that they must raise the expenses of their speaker and that they must take care of her and entertain her and get her from place to place, provided the salary is paid, and then if we have more money we can give it for postage, literature or anything else and then at the end they will not feel that the speaker is wholly the servant of the National but is, in a measure, their own representative.

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Everybody has been heard from in regard to the Call except Miss Clay and, as far as possible, we have made the changes suggested by the different members of the Board. We must have the Call printed in the Journal of next week, it is now altogether too late and we should have replies from all the Members before Saturday.

Faithfully yours,

Anna L. Shaw per J.C.
President.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

COPY.

August 14th. 1911.

Dear Miss Shaw:-

I am going to write you my view of the suffrage outlook for Oregon for your consideration.

In my opinion there is but one woman here in Oregon who can hold a steady rein and bring us into victory in 1912 without the usual clash from a certain quarter and at the wind up probably defeat.

That woman is Miss Myrtle K. Pease.

While I know Miss Pease to be as true as steel to our cause - she is the only one I know who can and does manage Mrs. D. and part at least of the secret of her success that way lies in the fact that Miss Pease will do the work and let Mrs. D. have the honor and credit Miss Pease secures all the favors from the Legislature but she lets Mrs. D. claim it as her work and take the honor. Mrs. D. is in failing health and is anxious to have some one slip in and to let her have the credit and honor. I feel sure Mrs. D. will let Miss Pease manage to quit herself and that she will - with Miss Pease keep hands off.

Because of Miss Pease's work for "The Boys and Girls Asso." she is well known and well liked all over the State. As you no doubt know Miss Pease is the sole support of her Father and Mother who are old people and she cannot take up the suffrage work without she is assured of the salary she now receives, which with the Court fees and other incidental amounts to \$90.00 per month and expenses.

I think if Miss Pease was assured of such a salary and expenses in the suffrage work that she would undertake it.

Her heart is in the work and I believe she could reconcile factions and lead us to victory. Would the National guarantee her \$90.00 per month and expenses in case the Oregon women cannot raise it? I understand you do help other States financially in their struggles.

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Because of the conditions I have only hinted at I feel sure to secure Miss Pease as manager is our only hope.

Please let me hear soon what you can do to help us.

Please do not let any one in Oregon know I have written you and if you decide to help financially please write directly to Miss Pease, and do not let Mrs. D. or anyone in Oregon know of it.

It is to be hoped and desired that Oregon will bear its financial burdens as nearly as possible - but Miss Pease must have her salary assured to her or she cannot take up the work.

With every good wish for the success of your work and hoping to hear from you soon, I am, as always,

Yours to help in the suffrage cause,

(Sgd.) Lydia A. Irons,
S.B. S.

Portland, Ore.

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August 24th. 1911.

Dear Member of the Official Board:-

We have tried so hard to get leading people to go to Louisville and find it impossible to do so, and we feel something must be done as a big drawing card to get people to the Convention. You see the people who are really desirable are people who earn their living by speaking and public work and we cannot expect such people to go to our National Convention and pay their own expenses and give their time. Now even to get two or three midway speakers it would cost us a good sum of money, and we thought we had better put it all into one person who would be a great attraction than to have several persons who would give us perhaps a good speech but would not draw outside people or make our own people want to come. So we have been in communication with Mrs. Pankhurst and her manager and at last have secured her services for the night of October 24th., the closing night of the Convention. She is very eager that we should sell tickets and at least make enough to cover additional expense of her presence. We have already had some contributions towards paying for her, but I would like to ask the Board if it is willing to get a larger hall and charge admission fee to hear Mrs. Pankhurst, or if it would prefer not to do so but simply take up a collection. It might be that Mrs. Pankhurst would make an appeal for money which would give us as much as we could collect at the door, yet I do not know about that.

We have written to the Louisville people to ask their wishes in the matter.

Faithfully yours,

Anna L. Shaw
per J.C.
President.

Near Richmond, Kentucky.
Aug. 23rd, 1911.

Dear Miss Shaw,

I am enclosing the "Call", with a few little changes indicated, which I would like to have made. When the idea of "rebellion" is a little modified I thoroughly approve of it.

In looking over the return of votes in your letter of Aug. 11th I observe that mine in regard to the employment of Miss Gregg have been overlooked. Also, my votes 3 and 4 of July 26th. The phraseology misled me as to what fund you meant in putting out that vote. You asked if we were in favor of contributing any portion of the Susan B. Anthony Memorial Fund to the campaign in California? I understood by that you referred to the Thomas-Garrett fund, which is technically called by that name; whilst the other fund is technically called the S.B.A. Woman Suffrage Fund. I hope next time the difference will be accurately marked. I might have understood if it had been called the S. B.A. Campaign Fund, I think.

I note your letter of Aug. 12th, setting the time of the Board meeting in Louisville for Monday morning, Oct. 16th. The time seems very suitable to me.

I have just received a letter from Miss Ashley, sending a receipt for the hundred dollars I pledged to the rent of headquarters till Dec. 1st. She remarks, "I will ask the pleasure of the Board regarding the \$100 for rent. Personally I think under the circumstances we should not accept it". I am sorry she is going to the trouble of having a vote taken on it. I do not desire a release from the pledge; and I do not know of any circumstance which would justify the Board in giving one. In the first place I made the pledge to Dec. 1st without any conditions which have not been fulfilled except the one in regard to Mrs. Belmont's \$500, which is still uncertain as far as has been reported to me. But I expressly waived that in my vote sent to Mrs. McCulloch and repeated the statement and the pledge in my vote sent to you Aug. 4th. As for the rents which may come in from the New York Association or other sub-rents, we all had sufficient information regarding the possibility of them, as Miss Ashley points out in her letter to Mrs. McCulloch of Aug. 2nd. In fact, the opinion of those members who expressed themselves in reply to your letter of Aug. 9th seems to concur with mine, - that we ought to have all the donations promised for help on the rent and all the sub-rents we can get; and if we have the good luck to receive more than the rent it should be turned into the general treasury, where it certainly is needed.

Sincerely yours,

Copy for Miss Clay

Mark you asked where you would be in
Sept? C. W. Mellock

Chicago, August 15, 1911.

My dear Miss Shaw :-

Your letter about Mrs. Belmont's check is at hand. I had hoped she had waived all conditions, but if she has not, the honest thing to do is to write her that the Board has only made a lease for six months, and ask her if she will not waive the condition and allow you to keep the check anyway.

The letter of Miss M. Carey Thomas to Miss Gordon, dated July 1, I still have in my possession. In urging Miss Gordon to cast her vote for the proposed lease Miss Thomas made no condition as to the payment of the \$1400.00, except that Mrs. Dennett should take care of the correspondence and literature for the College League and she said Mrs. Dennett promised to do it. As we have had considerable discussion about other conditions, we should not imagine any condition was intended unless clearly stated. I suppose that Mrs. Dennett or some one of our employees is taking care of the correspondence and literature of the College League, and so earning the money. If we can sublet the rest of the floor so our rent will be nothing or even so we can make money, that will be a wise arrangement. We should not begin to be generous until all our debts are paid.

My only objection to the Board Meeting beginning on Monday Oct. 16, is that it takes up too much time. Three days and a half preceding the Executive is more time than should be spent. If we limited our speeches to two minutes on every motion we could do all necessary business in one day and a half, which would let us begin Wednesday. I hope some one on the Board will back me up in my desire to rush business. The expense is also important. While we are on that subject, cannot we of the Board economize on our hotel bills so that we can reduce the amount we generally pay for entertaining the Board?

Miss Ashley's Call has the merit of brevity and yet it says all that is necessary. I am suggesting only a few changes in wording- "Rebellion" and "revolt" will probably give the newspapers a headline, but if we add "against disfranchisement" we will be safe.

I wish to ask the purpose of certain letters dated July 12, which four of my friends in two different States have received. Mrs. Stewart and I received none and so other members of the Board may also have been omitted.

This letter says "Will you not kindly let me know on the enclosed card what your address will be during September, if perchance you are to be away from home then. I am inquiring because at that time we may want to consult you personally, in regard to some of the most important steps in our suffrage work. The plan is to visit, in succession, some of the most active suffragists in many of the States before the convention".

This letter is signed "Mary Ware Dennett, Corresponding Secretary", as is also one later in July which expresses thanks for the reply and also says "We are most fortunate in having the enthusiastic help of Miss Martha Gruening and Miss Caroline Fleming who are to travel about during September on a most important errand affecting the program of our suffrage work for next year

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Miss Gruening is Secretary of the College Equal Suffrage League. Miss Fleming is a Vassar graduate, etc. Their exceedingly intelligent and broad point of view is of inestimable value at this time. * * If you can manage at the same time to have some of the other active women from your State meet with you so much the better."

What is this "most important errand" which must be attended to before Convention, and why is the Board not consulted before sending out these two persons who are perfect strangers to some of us? It seems strange too, that this letter says Miss Gruening is Secretary, when Miss Thomas' letter of July 1, says "We have let our Secretary go".

Who has offered to pay the expenses of these young women for this "most important errand"? Perhaps I have missed some Board letter again, but if so, the same accident has happened to Mrs. Stewart.

Yours truly,

CATHARINE WAUGH McCULLOCH.

C.W.M./C.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

August 15th. 1911.

Dear Member of the Official Board:-

I am placed in a most uncomfortable and unpleasant position by the changing of votes of the Official Board. Five votes upon any question settles it. I wrote you in regard to the California situation asking that we should make a pledge of money to them and six affirmative votes came. Knowing the importance of immediate action I wrote the President that so far I had heard from a majority of the Board, all of whom were favorable toward contributing to the amount of \$1,000 to California. After this letter had been sent I received Miss Gordon's letter asking that no action be taken until she had written to the Official Board. As I had already acted, after having waited long enough to receive the vote from every member, it was then too late for me to recall my letters sent to the President of California. Now there are all kinds of changes on the part of the Official Board in regard to that vote after they received Miss Gordon's letter.

I desire to explain exactly how I feel in regard to the matter and I will take upon myself the responsibility of the \$1000 contributed to California if the Official Board changes its first vote.

Miss Gordon states in her letter that if we use the Susan B. Anthony fund to re-pay that \$1,000 of Miss Mary S. Anthony, we will be acting contrary to her pledge to the donors of the Susan B. Anthony Fund. I have looked Miss Gordon's letter over which was sent to the Headquarters to be sent to the donors, thousands of which were sent, and I see nothing in that letter which states the time when the money was to be used. The statement is "a memorial of \$100,000 consecrated to campaign purposes".

After the Seattle Convention in 1909 Miss Gordon began actively to raise the fund. Then the vote was taken by the Convention in Washington in the spring of 1910, to use the memorial fund only for campaign purposes. Now a campaign conducted after April 1910 comes under that vote as much as any conducted this year or next. I do not know why Miss Gordon should insist that the money should go for future campaigns, or why she should have promised the donors that it should go for future campaigns, other than in the manner voted by the Convention.

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The \$1000 from the Mary S. Anthony Trustee Fund and the \$1000 from the Laura Bruce Fund were voted at Washington and the arrangements were made with Mrs. Boyer at that Convention and the vote was taken at that Convention that all the Susan B. Anthony money should be used for campaign purposes. From the date that vote was taken the Susan B. Anthony Fund could be drawn upon for campaign purposes as much as it can next year or ten years hence, and why one administration should raise money to pay campaign expenses in the distant future arranged by another administration, and cannot draw upon it to pay campaign expenses of its own administration, even after it has been voted by the Convention, I cannot understand. Or why we should go in debt for a campaign in 1910 while we are raising money, under the vote of the Convention, to pay campaign expenses, and reserve that money for a future date, is inexplicable to me. Personally I am opposed to involving the Association in debt for last year's campaign expenses when we were raising the fund, and saving the money for next year's campaign expenses under a new administration.

I am especially unable to understand Miss Gordon's position in declining to allow this money to be applied on the payments of the loan from Miss Anthony's bequest, for this reason. If we turned the \$1000 of the Susan B. Anthony Memorial Fund over to paying this pledge, which was borrowed since the vote of the Convention, to meet the expenses of a campaign in Oklahoma, since the last Convention, we will pay that debt, then we will still have the money to send to California, so that \$1,000 will do two things, it will cancel the debt for Oklahoma, and, if California wins it will cancel the entire debt. Whereas, if we do not pay that loan and we send the \$1000 to California, then we will still owe the \$1000 whether California wins or loses.

To my mind the position is an untenable one, and yet I do not question Miss Gordon's sincerity in taking it, but I cannot understand it. Miss Gordon says she pledged that the money should be used in future campaigns. She personally did so, but she did not in the letter she sent through Headquarters. I feel that Miss Gordon was outside of her authority, after the Convention voted last year to use it for campaigns without definitely stating that it should not be used for campaigns then in process, everything after April 19th, 1910 was future. However, if the Members of the Official Board can suggest any means of paying the campaign expenses of 1910 and wish to save this money for 1911 or 1912, I am perfectly willing it should be done. I did a good deal of the writing towards raising this Susan B. Anthony Fund, and much of it came in in response to the letters which I sent out, and I made no such conditions, I simply stated it was to be used for campaign purposes. The donors knew there were at that time several campaigns in active process.

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I think that \$1000 which was borrowed last spring and used last summer should much more legitimately come from the Susan B. Anthony Fund than the \$200 which Miss Gordon says she can draw from the fund to pay Miss Blackwell money borrowed by Mrs. Boyer in excess of the amount voted at Washington to contribute to Oklahoma, when it was expressly stipulated that the \$2,000 should cover our entire obligation to Oklahoma, and yet this money was borrowed without the authority of the Official Board in excess of that amount. Now if that money which was never authorized, and which the Official Board expressly voted against in stating that it would only contribute \$2,000 and no more, can be taken from this Fund, why could not the money which the Official Board did vote be taken from the Fund much more legitimately.

I confess I cannot see the logic which makes a thing right when it is in favor of a person whose work we appreciate, and wrong in favor of another. It strikes me like the vote of some members of the Official Board against Miss Wagner being furnished to a suffrage society in Wisconsin which is not affiliated to the National Association, and gave that as a reason, and the same person voting to furnish Miss Grimm to work in Wisconsin under the same Association. Or again it is like the vote of the refusal to accept a contribution which might be influenced by the future action of the Convention, on the ground that we have no right to pre-suppose the action of the Convention, and in the very same letter voting for another proposition, such as the employment of Miss Gregg for six months, when we have no more right to pre-suppose the action of the Convention in that case than in the other. In fact I have been quite interested in reading the various letters and votes which have been cast recently, and I am wondering what really is the matter and why the discrepancy and the apparent inconsistency in so much of the voting. There must be some reason, but I am at a loss to know what it is.

I am also very much disturbed at what seem to be unworthy insinuations in some of the letters, and I cannot understand the motive nor the reason. I am doing all I can to advance the interest of our Association. I am doing all I can to raise money to pay our bills, it is not pleasant work for me, I would gladly be relieved of it if anyone else will raise the money to pay the bills, I shall be too happy to give up all further attempts in that direction.

I frankly confess I am feeling a good deal sore over some of the letters that have been written by some members of the Board, and I feel they are unfair and unjust. I do not know whether any of you intend that they shall be, but certainly it is complicating the work and making things very difficult.

faithfully,

Anna L. Shaw
per J. C.

Richmond, Kentucky.
Aug. 11th, 1911.

Dear Member of the Official Board,

I have Miss Shaw's letter of Aug. 9th, in which she encloses the vote on the proposition of leasing headquarters; and I write to submit my point of view on the subject of the disposal of the sub-rents.

In my opinion we have voted to lease for the Association the whole of the 17th floor of 505 Fifth Avenue with the understanding that all donations for rent and all sub-rents belong to the Association and should be turned into the General Treasury, and that from the General Treasury the rent should be paid whether these helps amount to the whole of the rent, more than the whole rent or less than the whole rent. In all letters from headquarters enumerating the helps we had a right to expect there was mentioned a certain sub-rent of \$1400 from the College League on terms agreed upon between it and Mrs. Dennett, whereby Mrs. Dennett was to do certain secretarial work for the College League in part return for this amount. Miss Shaw intimates that possibly the representations made from headquarters to the distant members of the Board do not rightly represent Miss Thomas' understanding of the contract on the part of the College League. I will say that in such a case I think those members of the Board who have been instrumental in taking a vote from the Board on representations which did not accurately and definitely represent the terms offered by Mrs. Dennett or Miss Thomas should hold themselves personally responsible for making proper reparation to Miss Thomas or Mrs. Dennett and that the Board should not take any steps towards doing so.

If a part of that sub-rent can be retracted on account of unexpected circumstances the whole of that and of all other helps can be retracted on account of unexpected circumstances; and the Board has been led to involve the Association in a serious expense beyond its means without any certain promise of help whatever. Unless we can, and are prepared to, set aside the consequences of that vote and even at this late day reconsider and withdraw from our contract for taking the lease at all, I do not think we can reconsider or withdraw from the vote which we have cast on the representations made to us. If the differences of opinion which may arise between Miss Thomas, Mrs. Dennett and those members of the Board who have been instrumental in obtaining this vote cannot be settled satisfactorily among themselves they should be referred to the Convention, and not again to the Board.

Personally, I cast my vote on the premise that the representations were correct, and involved the receipt of the sub-rents agreed upon. Unless the consequences of that vote can be recalled and our lease honorably cancelled, I do not think it any part of my duty to reconsider it, or change the expectations upon which I cast it.

Very sincerely yours,

Laura Clay.

Copy.

Richmond, Kentucky.

Aug. 12th, 1911.

Dear Miss Shaw,

Your letter regarding Mrs. Belmont's check is at hand.

I am not surprised at the fact that the accompanying letter repeated the condition of a twelve-month stay in New York; for I never would have understood her pledge as an intention to pay the \$1000 prorata.

You already know my views,- that I think we have no right to accept money on a contingency which involves the future action of the Convention, and that I am unalterably opposed to doing so. However, as we certainly want the money if we can get it without such conditions, I would suggest that you write to Mrs. Belmont that the Board, in voting on renting headquarters, could not predicate the action of the Convention in October, and therefore had rented for six months only, that being the shortest time for which the managers of the property would allow a lease; that of course it could not use her check as coming under her promise, but that it hoped, when she was informed of these circumstances, and as the headquarters were certainly fixed in New York for some months, she would be willing to contribute the \$250 for this quarter's rent, without in any manner feeling bound to do more if the action of the Convention was adverse to remaining in New York; and that you held the check while awaiting her answer.

Sincerely yours,

Laura Clay.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

August 12th. 1911.

Dear Member of the Official Board:-

Before I left for Europe I asked Mrs. Dennett to consult with Miss Ashley in regard to writing the Call for the National Convention, she did so and, being new to the situation, she did not realize that the call had to be sent out some time before the Convention. When I returned I found that Miss Ashley, although she would much prefer not to write it, was willing to do so since most of us had tried our hands at it. So she has drawn up the Call, copy of which I enclose, asking each one of you to make any corrections which you think are advisable and, when replies have been received, we will make the required corrections, asking each one of the Official Board's authority to sign their name and then we will send it out as soon as possible and publish it first in The Woman's Journal and then throughout the country.

A number of people are asking me to speak at various places on my way to and from the National Convention and they are setting the dates of their meetings not only that I may speak, but in order that they may get other members of the Official Board, and others on their way to the National Convention, to speak for them also. I, therefore, think it well for us to set the date as soon as possible when our Official Board shall meet so that we would be able to tell people whether or not we could be with them.

As the Executive Board meeting will be on the night of the 19th. October, if we have more than one meeting it will have to be in the afternoon as well as the night of the 19th. ~~be~~ because the Convention is necessarily shorter this year than usual, owing to the fact that the Louisville committee could not secure the hall in Louisville longer than from the 20th. through the 24th. so that our regular programme of the Convention must begin on the morning of the 20th. The Official Board will require a good deal of time as it is so long since it met to adjust all the questions which will necessarily come before us. I would, therefore, suggest that we meet on the morning of the 16th.

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to begin our work as the Official Board.

If there are no objections to this time I will make the announcement that the Official Board will meet at 9-30 o'clock on Monday morning October 16th. and the Executive Committee at 2-30 on the afternoon of Thursday October 19th.

Faithfully yours,

Anna H. Shaw *per*

President.

[Aug 11, 1911]

RESULT OF VOTE SENT OUT BY PRESIDENT AUGUST 2nd, 1911.

1. Do you vote to deduct the expenses of raising the Susan B. Anthony Fund from the amount raised for the fund itself or do you prefer that it shall be taken from the National Treasury?

Miss Shaw.	National Treasury.
Mrs. Mc Culloch	National Treasury.
Mrs. Stewart.	National Treasury.
Mrs. Bennett	Deduct Expenses from S.B.A. Fund.
Miss Ashley.	National Treasury.
Miss Clay.	I prefer it to be taken from the National Treasury.
Miss Gordon	From the National Treasury.

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RESULT OF VOTE SENT OUT IN REGARD TO MISS GREGG.

1. Do you vote to let Miss Gregg work in Kansas for six months?

Miss Shaw. Not unless the Convention so orders it ,
although I am strongly in favor of doing so.

Miss Gordon. I am in favor of Miss Gregg working
six months in Kansas.

Mrs. Dennett. No not until we know how much we can help
California.

Miss Blackwell. I vote to let Miss Gregg work in Kansas
for 6 months if the National Treasury will
permit it, but to have her work in Kansas
begin after October 10. I feel about Kansas
as I did about Wisconsin, that they should
wait for national aid till California's case
is settled. California votes on the amend-
ment in about 2 months? Every cent we can
spare until then ought to go to California.

2. Do you vote to let Miss Gregg work in Kansas from September, 1911
till November 1912, the National paying her salary?

Miss Shaw. Cannot vote until I know where the money
is to come from. Begin after National
Convention if so voted.

Miss Gordon. If the National has the money. I am very
much in favor of the national paying Laura
Gregg's salary in Kansas from Sept. 1911
to Nov. 1911 but not 1912. After Nov. 1911
is beyond our jurisdiction.

Mrs. Pennett. I vote to let Miss Gregg go to Kansas
after the California election, if there
are any resources left in the S.B.A. Cam-
paign fund, if not it is to be hoped we
could raise money to send her. Our first duty
is to California as that election comes first
and a victory there is the greatest hope
for Kansas.

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RESULT OF THE VOTE SENT OUT BY THE PRESIDENT JULY 26th. 1911.

1. Are you in favor of granting free space in The Woman's Journal for the raising of a campaign fund for Maryland as asked by Mrs. Hooker?

Miss Shaw.	I fear it will make a bad precedent. I think promiscuous asking and giving bad. The National should not ask, nor through its organ ask, for more money save as it passes through the hands of the National Treasurer.
Mrs. McCulloch	Yes, if she belongs to the regular auxiliary and if she does not want too much space.
Miss Gordon.	Yes.
Mrs. Stewart.	No.
Mrs. Dennett.	Not until Maryland is a campaign State.
Miss Ashley	No.
Miss Clay	No.

2. Are you in favor of making an appeal for the campaign in California?

Miss Shaw.	Yes.
Mrs. McCulloch	Yes, it is imminent and if you get enough we can save some of the Mary Anthony money for other States.
Miss Gordon.	Yes.
Mrs. Stewart	Yes.
Mrs. Dennett	Yes.
Miss Ashley	Yes.
Miss Clay.	Yes.

3. Are you in favor of contributing any portion of the Susan B. Anthony Memorial Fund to the campaign in California?

Miss Shaw.	Yes.
Mrs. McCulloch	Not if we give the \$1000 Mary Anthony money and beg specially also for California.
Miss Gordon.	Please defer this vote till I can write an Official Board letter.
Mrs. Dennett.	Yes.
Miss Ashley	Yes.

4. If so, how much?

Miss Shaw.	All there is unexpended in the Treasury, if necessary, after all present obligations are met.
Mrs. McCulloch.	\$1000 if we do not give the S.B. Anthony \$1000 and if we get nothing from a special appeal as mentioned in 2.
Mrs. Stewart.	The \$1000 used in Oklahoma.
Mrs. Dennett.	As much as can be spared after necessary obligations are met.
Miss Ashley.	All except what has been voted for Miss Gregg & Wis.

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RESULT OF VOTES SENT OUT BY THE PRESIDENT JULY 28th. 1911.

1. Are you willing that the One thousand Dollars borrowed for the Oklahoma campaign from Mrs. Upton, Mrs. Mc Culloch and Miss Shaw as trustees for Mary S. Anthony shall be repaid out of the Susan B. Anthony Fund?

Miss Shaw.	Yes.
Mrs. Mc Culloch	Yes.
Miss Gordon.	No.
Mrs. Stewart	Yes.
Mrs. Dennett	Yes.
Miss Ashley	Yes.
Miss Blackwell	Yes.

2. Will the National Officers accept the loan of this One thousand Dollars for use in California on the same terms upon which it was loaned to Oklahoma?

Miss Shaw.	Yes.
Mrs. Mc Culloch	Yes.
Miss Gordon	No.
Mrs. Stewart	Yes.
Mrs. Dennett	Yes.
Miss Ashley	Yes.
Miss Blackwell	Yes.

Miss Clay. No. 1. Provided the Board votes it to go to California on the same terms as voted to Oklahoma/ If it is not thus used I want the payment to wait as long as that of Laura Bruce loan, which was on the same terms.

No. 2. I gladly vote to accept this loan again for California and thank the trustees for it.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

August 11th. 1911.

Dear Member of the Official Board:-

When Mrs. McCulloch submitted the vote in regard to the appointment of Miss Wagner and Miss Grimm to Wisconsin, no vote was submitted to me and I would like to vote upon both questions that my vote may be recorded with that of the other members of the Official Board.

In regard to the employment of Miss Wagner I vote No, As I am opposed to sending any woman to any State who is not asked for by any considerable number of suffragists of that State.

In regard to Miss Grimm. I wish to vote No, also because I am opposed to sending money to Wisconsin or any other State at the present time while the campaign is pending in California. Our first duty this year is to California and after that to the other States in proportion to their need and prospect of success.

Faithfully yours,

Anna H. Shaw

President.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

August 11th, 1911.

Dear Member of the Official Board:-

In sending ^{the} vote out the other day in regard to Headquarters I announced that Miss Gordon had not voted. Yesterday I received a letter from Mrs. McCulloch enclosing a copy of Miss Gordon's vote and I would like to have you add Miss Gordon's to the copy of the result of the vote which I sent you, as I shall do so in putting it on file here at the office.

Miss Gordon's Vote. I instruct the First Vice President to vote me in favor of signing the lease, voting in favor not to be construed as my favoring the offer of an asset, of a promised \$500 when a condition existed in the very nature of of the case made it of no service.

At the bottom of Miss Gordon's letter Mrs. McCulloch adds - "This was attached to a letter waiting me at Evanston on my return".

In another letter which I have received from Mrs. McCulloch she states "that the two missing Ashley letters turned up at the office in a mass of legal mail which the clerk in charge thought did not need immediate attention. They were not addressed to Evanston from which place everything went safely." This accounts for Mrs. McCulloch's not receiving the notification from Miss Ashley which Miss Ashley had sent her. When I stated to you the other day that Miss Ashley had explained to Mrs. McCulloch on July 18th, the reason for taking the whole instead of part of the floor, I intended to have added that she had previously explained it in her letter of June 15th, in fact it had been explained several times.

I am enclosing the vote^s, so far as received, in regard to all other matters which have been sent out since my return.

May I again ask the Members of the Official Board to vote on slips sent to them for that purpose. It is very, very inconvenient when this rule is not complied with as we have to look over letters and re-copy to put on file all votes sent in any other form.

Faithfully yours,

Anna H. Shaw
President.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

August 10th, 1911.

Dear Member of the Official Board:-

I confess myself unable to understand exactly the variations of opinion in your vote respecting Mrs. Belmont's offer to contribute toward the support of National Headquarters in New York.

I have this morning received the following letter from Mrs. Belmont's private secretary.

"Enclosed I hand you Mrs. Belmont's check for \$250 to the order of The National American Woman Suffrage Association. This check is for the months of August, September and October 1911 on account of Mrs. Belmont's promise to contribute \$1,000 to help pay rent of Headquarters of the Association in New York city for the twelve months beginning August 1st, 1911.

Yours very truly,
(Sgd.) J.A. MacMahon, Secretary.

I await instructions from the Board as to what I shall do with it.

Faithfully yours,

Anna H. Shaw

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

August 9th, 1911.

Dear Member of the Official Board:-

I have received the enclosed vote in regard to renting the office floor and, as you will observe, it is practically unanimous, the only conditions being those of Miss Clay and Mrs. McCulloch.

I think the position taken by Mrs. McCulloch would hardly be considered fair when she says if we rent the floor to the New York State Association it would then leave us only from \$10 to \$17 a month to be paid. The pledge made by Miss Thomas of \$1400 was made when it was not known that we were to receive anything from the rent, had it been known at that time that we were to receive this money, I am sure Miss Thomas would have deducted that amount from the pledge which she made, and it seems to me hardly fair that the National Association should accept headquarters at from \$10 - \$17 a month when it appears to be taking advantage of the offer which was made before we knew that this income was to be received. I think the very least that any member of the Official Board should expect the Association to pay is \$75 a month which was voted at the last National Convention.

However, if there are others of the Committee who feel that the Association should deduct the rent of the New York State Headquarters from the amount of money to be paid by the National Association I wish they would say so. If Miss Thomas were in this country I would be able to answer definitely her exact understanding, but she is in Europe and will not return until next month. I should be very sorry if ^{after} the generous treatment which the National Association has had at the hands of Miss Thomas we should appear to take any advantage of the offer made under different conditions from those which exist to-day.

If it is desired that I should do so I will put out a vote upon this question, but it hardly seems to me necessary to take either the time of the Stenographer or the rest of us, to do so.

Faithfully yours,

Anna H. Shaw
President.

Copy.

Richmond, Ky.

Aug. 8th, 1911.

Dear Miss Shaw,

Having received Miss Gordon's letter in which she objects to paying the Mary Anthony and Laura Bruce notes from the fund she has collected I wish to revoke my vote giving consent, unless Miss Gordon withdraws her objections for the payment, as I hope she will, since the money will still go to present campaigns, and will technically pay indebtedness of the National.

I agree fully with Miss Gordon's point of view about paying debts of past campaigns from the funds raised after those campaigns; and I think we cannot pay the \$504 to Mrs. Boyer ^{out of it}, unless that much of the S.B.A. fund was in hand at that time.

In explaining my vote for paying the expenses of raising the S.B.A. fund out of the General treasury I will say that I used it as a suppositional case in my letter to Miss Ashley, not having my official Board minutes at hand. But Mrs. Stewart, having looked them up for the Seattle meeting finds no instruction on this point; and in the Convention minutes of 1907, page 50, I find that the Board passed a vote that the expenses shall be paid out of the National Treasury. As Miss Gordon has acted on this vote, I decline to reconsider, and cast my vote for paying the expenses of raising the S.B.A. Woman Suffrage Fund out of the General treasury.

As regards the Laura Bruce loan, it bears interest at 5%, of which one year's interest is now due. I am still in hopes that Miss Gordon will consent to let both these notes be paid out of the fund she has raised; and let the two thousand dollars be spent in the California campaign. If it is successful I will consider the loan ^{case} charged to the L. Bruce legacy. But in case of defeat, I would expect the debt to remain.

Sincerely yours,

Laura Clay.

NOTE. Do you vote to deduct the expense of raising the S.B.A. Fund from the amount raised for the fund itself or do you prefer that it shall be taken from the National Treasury?

ANSWER. I prefer it to be taken from the National Treasury.

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August 5, 1911

My dear Miss Shaw:-

After receiving Miss Gordon's letter I think I should like to change my vote upon one or two points. I voted to pay the expense of the raising of the Susan B. Anthony fund out of the fund. Since you say that it makes really no difference to the Association but is only a matter of book-keeping, it is evident that it really is of no vital concern to any member of the Board except Miss Gordon whether the expenses come from the fund itself or from the general fund for expenses so I would like to change my vote to have the money come from the general fund. Then I feel that if Miss Gordon has obtained the money with the promise that it should not be used for past campaigns, we should back up her word on that point. She evidently was not violating any instruction of the Board because apparently she was not instructed, but she was acting as our agent so I feel that we must make her word good and for that reason I wish to change my vote on that and vote to apply the money which Miss Gordon has raised only to the states where campaigns are now pending or shall in the future be pending. I looked through the Minutes of the Seattle Board meetings but found there were no definite instructions on many of these points. The motion that was carried at that time was made by Mrs. Kelley and was as follows:

"Excluding treasurers' collections, dues, convention pledges life members and bequests unless specifically designated - all other

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moneys should go to the Susan B. Anthony Fund until we reach \$100,000."

Miss Clay moved and it was carried that we accept Miss Gordon's offer to make an effort to raise the balance of the \$100,000. of the Susan B. Anthony Fund on the condition that \$5,000. be given to the Louisiana E.S.A. Miss Gordon was not given specific instructions as to where the expense money should be obtained.

I believe this is all that I have not voted upon as yet unless some of the letters were lost while following me around on a Chautauqua circuit.

Yours cordially,

Ella S. Stewart

Copy

Richmond, Ky.

Aug. 4th, 1911.

Dear Miss Shaw,

Your letter of Aug. 1st is at hand, with the voting slip for another vote on leasing present headquarters for six months. The slip does not specify that the rent is to be paid from the sources mentioned in Miss Ashley's letter of June 29th, but I take for granted that it includes them all. In my last vote sent to Mrs. McCulloch I annulled all allusion to Mrs. Belmont's pledge, and still voted for the six months' lease on account of the necessity for immediate action occasioned by the failure of Miss Ashley's letter of July 18th in reaching Mrs. McCulloch in answer to Mrs. McCulloch's letter of inquiry. I am going to repeat my vote in the same form; because while the last condition of Mrs. Belmont's ~~pledge~~ ^{has been} removed no information has been reported as to whether or not she is willing to pay the \$1000 pro rata for six months. But I am willing to waive information on that remaining stipulation because with the \$1400 from the College League, my pledge of \$25 a month and the rent we ^{may} get from the New York society we are assured of the extra rent until the Convention, which can decide the subsequent measures itself.

I judge from your letter you yourself confidently expect a pro rata payment; but nothing less than an emergency which forced me to overstep what I think a proper responsibility in carrying out the wishes of the Convention would have induced me to overlook the contingency that she does not so intend her pledge. When the Convention voted to take headquarters to New York it recognized the impossibility of doing so without special donations for rent. At the Convention in Washington City the pledge of Mrs. Belmont which is printed in the minutes seemed to insure that rent till the next convention. Whilst it was to be expected that she would

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cease to provide the 505 Fifth Avenue headquarters when her lease ran out August 1st, and her interlineation of the contract with the N.A.W.S.A. might have been anticipated by those who knew her lease expired then, yet, as I have never seen the contract and the interlineation, I have never understood how it should have affected the promise of the money. If we had had the money we could have arranged another lease for ourselves, as we have done. Or if the Convention had understood that the rent was not assured by special contributions it could have given a vote instructing the Board what to do when the lease expired. I wish you would explain these points, as it was through a letter to you that the pledge was made and you have had a conversation with Mrs. Belmont about it; for I have considered all along that the vote which carried headquarters to New York was obtained upon the expectation of special donations, and that its force expired tacitly, at least, when ^{from} the failure of such donations the means of the Association did not justify their continuance. Therefore it is only under the pressure of emergency that I consent to overlook ~~the~~ complete definiteness in the pledges upon which we assume to take headquarters expensive far beyond our usual means; and to take them for a longer time than what is necessary to learn the will of the Convention.

Sincerely yours,

Louisa Clay.

VOTES.(1). Are you in favor of taking a lease of the present headquarters, which includes the whole 17th floor of 505 5th Avenue, N.Y., for six months, provided the expense to the treasury of the National Association shall not exceed \$600, or \$100 per month?

(Answer). Yes; provided that no money is accepted from any body which is contingent upon any pre-supposed action of the Convention or of any member thereof.

VOTE.(2). Are you in favor of renting the present headquarters of the New York society to them from month to month for \$90.00, or if they take it for three months for \$83.33 per month?

(Answer). Yes.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

August 2nd, 1911.

Dear Member of the Official Board:-

I do not know whether or not Miss Clay has sent you a copy of her vote in regard to the question which I sent to the Official Board asking a vote upon the return of the \$1,000 borrowed from the Mary S. Anthony trustees. If she has you will see that she states :-

"I am willing that the \$1000 borrowed for the Oklahoma campaign shall be repaid out of the Susan B. Anthony Woman Suffrage fund provided the Board votes it to go to California on the same terms as voted to Oklahoma. If it is not thus used I want the payment to wait as long as that of the Laura Bruce loan which was on the same terms".

I have not the data at hand but if my memory serves me correctly there was a difference between the loan made by the trustees of Mary S. Anthony and the Laura Bruce loan. It may be that I have confused two things and that I am not quite correct, but if I am correct in my thought it is that upon the money borrowed from the Mary S. Anthony trustees there was to be no interest paid, while on the money borrowed from the Laura Bruce loan there was to be 6% interest. If I am correct in my memory then it would be a part of good business for the National Association to re-pay the Laura Bruce loan first and thus save the 6% interest, but if I am not correct then I hope the vote will be to pay the Mary S. Anthony money first, as I am very anxious that it should be put into the California campaign. I want it to go into campaign after campaign until it reaches some State that wins and the sooner the better it will suit me and I am particularly anxious that this should be done and I hope the Board will acquiesce in it, because Miss Mary wrote on the edge of her letter the request that the money should be used in the State that should win and we certainly owe to her memory anything that we can do to carry out her request since she did so much for our Association and we are so deeply indebted to her.

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So far in the votes Miss Blackwell, Miss Clay, Miss Ashley, Mrs. Dennett and I vote in favor of this measure but I would like the vote to be unanimous on the part of the Board.

In a letter to Miss Ashley, Miss Clay writes that in a previous treasurer's report Miss Ashley includes Miss Gordon's expenses in collecting the Susan B. Anthony Woman Suffrage Fund with the expenses of the National Association to be paid from the National treasury. Miss Clay objects to this on the ground that as the expenses were made in connection with securing the fund they should come out of the fund and that she so understood the action of the National Association. Miss Gordon and I have had some correspondence upon this subject. I understood it exactly the same as Miss Clay does but Miss Gordon did not and she feels very strongly about it. She later on had some correspondence with Miss Ashley about it and felt that to take the expenses out of the fund would be unfair. It seemed to me exactly the other way, that to take them out of the general treasury would be unfair, and that it is always the custom to pay the expenses of fund raising out of the funds raised ~~as~~ rather than out of any other fund. But as Miss Gordon was so emphatic in feeling that I was mistaken in regard to this matter, it occurred before Miss Ashley was on the Board and therefore she knew nothing about it, and as it made no difference one way or the other in the end as far as the Association was concerned whether we paid it out of the treasury of the Association or out of the fund since all of the fund is to be used for the National work, I did not think it was worth while to say anything more about it, but as Miss Clay has raised the point and thinks if it should come out of the general treasury there should be a vote upon the matter, I am perfectly willing to submit a vote. It may be, however, that Miss Gordon would like to be heard from upon the subject before the vote is taken.

At Seattle when we were discussing the question of making a further effort to raise the fund an appropriation of 1,000 dollars for the purpose of a raising the fund ^{was made}. Now whether that appropriation was to come out of the National Treasury and be refunded from the money raised, or whether it was to be appropriated from the National Treasury, the minutes do not state, therefore it is a question for the Board to decide, but as I stated a moment ago, according to my view it makes very little difference out of which fund it comes since it all in the end comes from the National Treasury. The expense of raising this fund went beyond that of Miss Gordon's account inasmuch as there was a large quantity of circulars sent from Headquarters. As Miss Stannard is away on her vacation and she kept the accounts of the amount of postage which I think was over \$50.00 this should be included with the other question of the expenses of the Chairman of the Committee.

I have not a sufficient number of votes in on other questions to report to-day. I hope that the California vote will be in as soon as possible because they need the money and need it now.

Faithfully yours,

Anna H. Shaw
President.

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As a majority of the Official Board has voted to re-pay to Mary S. Anthony's trustees the \$1,000 loaned to the Oklahoma campaign out of the Susan B. Anthony Woman Suffrage Fund, and to borrow the same from the trustees to send to California on the same conditions upon which it was donated to Oklahoma campaign, namely that if California wins it cancels the indebtedness of the National Association to the trustees, if it does not win that it shall be returned to the Trustees, by the National Association, and again loaned by them to some other hopeful campaign State.

I have not yet heard from Mrs. McCulloch but have from Mrs. Upton who is decidedly in favor of this arrangement and as Mrs. Upton and I are a majority of the committee I have no doubt Mrs. McCulloch will agree.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

August 1st, 1911.

Dear Member of the Official Board:-

Mrs. McCulloch has returned to me the lease of the Headquarters which she had not signed at the time she learned of my return, and in the letter returning it she states that "I have no authority to sign it as the vote of the question of leasing for six months was merely informal as no Treasurer can submit a vote".

It is unquestionable true that the President only, or her substitute, may submit a vote, but there are times when emergencies arise and something must be done immediately for the sake of a business or an association, and the matter of leasing the Headquarters had dallied along for such a length of time, delayed by technicalities, which were, to say the least, most trying to those who had the work in charge. On the strength of the absolute necessity of doing something Miss Ashley tried to learn the will of the Board. This she thought she had done. Then came the new difficulty about the last clause of Mrs. Belmont's pledge. I have never asked Mrs. Belmont to do anything for the good of the Association that she has not readily acquiesced. She is not used to working in societies and, therefore, makes the mistakes of ignorance in regard to methods of co-operative work. So that when I saw that statement it gave me no concern for I knew that when I showed her the unwisdom of it she would as readily act for the good of the Association as she has always heretofore tried to do. I had so many things crowded upon me before I left for Europe that I had no opportunity to see Mrs. Belmont when we could be alone and I could breach the subject to her, she had become so interested in her farm and the farm girls that she seldom came to the city and I seldom saw her. Since I returned I wrote her that that clause was very unfortunate and asked her if she would not, as a personal favor to me, strike it out of her pledge. She showed her willingness to do what I thought best by immediately telegraphing "I agree to take that clause out. Alva Belmont"

Therefore the objection raised by Misses Clay and Gordon is removed and I suppose their vote will stand as before, but in order that there may be no opportunity for raising a question of legality of the vote, I again submit it. In doing so I must state that it is to my mind the most expensive proposition made. The one submitted before I

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left, that we take the Headquarters until May, with a fair chance of sub-letting the whole floor unoccupied by us, would have been a much more reasonable and in every way more satisfactory proposition.

I therefore vote for the six months plan as the best method open to me since one half of the Board do not see the wisdom of a longer lease, but I do it against what I consider the best business principles and the best good of the work.

Mrs. McCulloch asks in her letter why we take the whole floor. This matter was explained to her in a letter which Miss Ashley sent out on the 18th. July after my return. And the reason is also published in The Woman's Journal. It is because the owners of the building will not let the part of the floor that we have to anybody unless they take the whole of it. We cannot get our present Headquarters if we had we would never have tried to do anything else.

The New York State people are asking if we will lease them their present Headquarters from month to month and, as they must have a reply immediately, Miss Ashley and I offered them the present rooms for \$90 for one month at a time from month to month, or \$3.33 per month if they take them for three months.

I am submitting a vote to the Board as to whether or not they will acquiesce in these conditions.

Will the Board kindly vote on the slip sent out for votes, as when they do not they all have to be copied and it makes a great deal of additional work.

Faithfully yours,

Anna H. Shaw

President.